



JUNE 2018

## Upcoming Events

Legislative Proposals  
Due July 1

Candidate Forums  
July 9 | Auburn  
July 10 | Scottsbluff  
July 12 | Kearney  
July 23 | Wayne  
July 26 | La Vista

NAEP Workshops  
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## ESU 13

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Jeff West - Administrator

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Mitchell, Morrill, Potter-Dix,  
Scottsbluff, Sidney, & Sioux County

NASB Region #18

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## BEYOND THE PANHANDLE ...

ESU 13 Administrator, Jeff West, already covers a lot of ground, serving 21 schools in 11 counties, primarily in Nebraska's panhandle.

Recently he has grown that footprint to more of a national level as he brings his Nebraska perspective as a member of the Executive Council of the Association of Educational Service Agencies (AESA), a professional organization serving educational service agencies (ESUs in Nebraska) in 45 states.

"I have had the privilege of serving on the ESU 13 Board since the early 90's. The leadership that the Unit has enjoyed from the different Administrators over those years has been remarkable; growing from two counties to 11 with two mergers, partnerships, and new programs," said board member Mark Skinner. "Dr. West brought ESU 13 to the national forefront as he served on the National Executive Council and now AESA."

"In our 50 years of existence, Dr. Jeff West is only our 4th administrator at ESU 13," said Board President, Ray Richards. "From the beginning, we were impressed with his calm clarity combined with the ability to see into the future as it affected a myriad of aspects of public education. Dr. West continually encourages the board and staff to grow and to learn and to ask good questions. We are always looking to improve and be better."

Nationally, AESA is in the position to reach well over 80% of the public school districts, certified teachers, non-certified school employees, and students across the U.S. with a mission to support and strengthen regional ESUs through advocacy, professional growth, technical assistance, research, and more. West was elected by 13 members serving on the AESA executive council representing four regions across the U.S. to serve as president. His leadership, both in Nebraska and nation-wide is having a great impact on the work ESUs are able to provide to schools. "Dr. West knows when people are at their best," said ESU 13's Director of Professional Learning, Jadie Beam. "He is humble and doesn't seek the credit or limelight, yet when the situation calls for it he can step up and rally the enthusiasm of our ranks. He has done this at the local and national level and continues to position ESU 13 as a leader in our state."

John Bass, Chief Operating Officer for AESA echoed those sentiments, "At AESA, we know what kind of leader, and person, Jeff really is. We are fortunate to have him in the President and Past-President roles."

*Jeff, far right, is pictured with the other members of the AESA Executive Council at the 2017 annual conference held in San Antonio last November. To learn more about AESA, visit*

<http://www.aesa.us>

# 1WQ ... And You!

School Board Members, have you been submitting your 1WQ?

Throughout June, leading up to the annual Legislative Committee Meeting in July, the NASB Officers are looking for your feedback to better understand our member's needs, wants, and preferences, with respect to NASB's standing position on school funding titled "State Funding System" through One Weekly Question (1WQ).

Check your email inbox for links to the current and all past surveys.

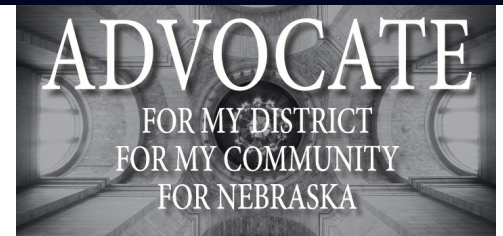
That standing position on State School Funding, which will guide the Committee's discussion in July reads: *NASB supports a stable, equitable, and adequate system of financing the real cost of public education for all Nebraska students to include, but not limited to: Maintaining revenue from the current funding systems; Strengthening the concepts of existing statutes; Identifying new funding sources, and mechanisms to increase stability of state education funding; The fiscal independence of school districts and local control of funds; The utilization of new and additional sources of local funding; The principle of equalization, which includes both property and income wealth, and a standard baseline of state support for education; and The option to raise additional funds locally.*



## BE HEARD! CALL FOR LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS DUE JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

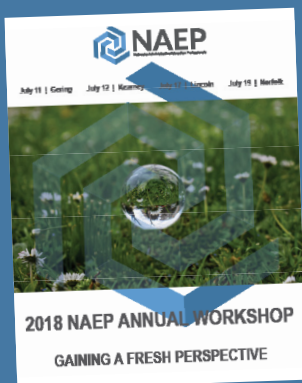
With the session finished, now is the time for you and your board to think of items you might like addressed in 2019. As a board member, an elected official, and a community leader, you are in an excellent position to educate and influence the legislative process. Submit your legislative proposals now at:

<http://www.nasbonline.org/registrations/ProposedResolution.aspx>



From now until July 1, you have the opportunity to be heard by submitting a topic you would like discussed at this summer's NASB Legislative Committee meeting, to then be drafted and introduced as future legislation. If you have a topic in mind, or would like assistance getting the ball rolling, please let Matt Belka know at [mbelka@NASBonline.org](mailto:mbelka@NASBonline.org).

*Thanks to all of the Boards who have already submitted a proposal!*



The NAEP Annual Workshops will be this July in Gering, Kearney, Lincoln & Norfolk.

These daylong workshops consist of the annual Business Meeting, Table Talk Timeouts, Hot Topics, and more. Features this year include Region Officer Elections; Hot Topics for Bookkeepers and Business Managers; Be Fit While You Sit; New NAEP Website and Resources; NAEP Workflow; ESSA Coding; Record Storage & Retention; Task Management; Board Meetings; Maximize Your Potential: A 30,000 Foot View; Cyber Safety & Security; and more!

July 11 | Gering    July 12 | Kearney    July 17 | Lincoln    July 19 | Norfolk

See the full agenda and register now at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)

## Candidate Forums - 6:30 to 8:30 PM

July 9 | Auburn    July 10 | ESU 13 - Scottsbluff    July 12 | Kearney    July 23 | Wayne    July 26 | ESU 3 - La Vista

The Candidate Forum is designed to inform individuals who have filed for candidacy of their role as a board member. Superintendents and sitting board members are encouraged to attend with candidates to show support and receive training. Attendees will learn about serving their community, being an advocate for public education, along with roles and responsibilities of an effective board member. There is no fee to attend. The forum will run from 6:30-8:30. Registration Deadlines for Auburn and Scottsbluff are Thursday, July 5; Monday, July 9 for Kearney; Wednesday, July 18 for Wayne; and Monday, July 23 for La Vista. Register now at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)



# New NASB Membership Portal Has Launched!

You have likely noticed when logging into your NASB account that we have now migrated to the new, updated Membership Portal.

To make sure your data is as accurate as possible, please log into the system and verify that all your district email addresses, mailing addresses, and other contact information is as it should be.

Please note, your username and password will have changed, and you should have received an email with your new username and password. If you have any questions, please feel free to call or contact Jen Goetz at 402-817-0111, [jgoetz@NASBOnline.org](mailto:jgoetz@NASBOnline.org).

## New Roles, New Faces

With the ever changing landscape of how NASB works to best serve you, our members, we have added even more new faces and focuses within our office.

Former State Senator Colby Coash has joined NASB as Associate Executive Director and Director of Government Relations. Colby's primary responsibilities will be to lead all government relations initiatives for the association, and work with the NASB Legislation Committee year-round to engage school board and ESU board members in our legislative agenda. Colby's experience within the Capitol will also be extremely beneficial as we continually work to develop and maintain a strong relationship with all of our state and federal elected officials.



Colby Coash

Kori Stanosheck will be joining NASB as Board Leadership Engagement Associate in July. Kori will be working with Marcia and Melissa to manage services and training for school boards and board members through the planning and delivery of local board training to meet the needs and specific requests of boards/superintendents; designing and developing online coursework to support, enhance, and expand the curriculum and learning opportunities provided by NASB; organizing and facilitating community engagement, strategic planning, online survey services; and much more.



Kori Stanosheck

Welcome Colby and Kori!

## The School Law Seminar Brings Education Leaders to Kearney

A stacked lineup of speakers and topics made for another successful School Law Seminar! The annual summer conference saw NASB and NCOSA members stay up to speed on the ever changing policies and best practices of school law.

Attendees definitely filled their minds and notebooks with items to take back to their districts. As always, our school law attorneys did a wonderful job.

Thank you for your time and continued support in making the School Law Seminar such a successful, annual event. We're already working on next year's agenda!





# Another Great Day for the Member Golf Outing





# Is this year's Board Member of the Year on your Board?

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SCHOOL BOARDS

NASB and the State Board of Education are now seeking nominations for the annual Ann Mactier Award, recognizing one local school board member for their policy leadership and contributions to curriculum and instruction in Nebraska public schools.

Please consider nominating a deserving board member for this honor. Application deadline for deserving candidates is Friday, September 28, 2018. For further details you may visit [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org), or contact Marcia Herring at 800-422-4572. Previous winners include:



2017	Bonnie Hinkle, Grand Island	2010	Kim Fasse, Elkhorn
2016	Terri Haynes, Chadron	2009	Ron Pearson, ESU #3
2015	Linda Richards, Ralston	2008	Sandra Jensen, Omaha
2014	Brad Krivohlavek, Norfolk	2007	John Hansen, Bellevue
2013	Patty Bentzinger, Norris	2006	Fred Tafoya, Papillion La Vista
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# Learning Can Take Place Anywhere

Outfitted with all kinds of materials, games, tools, and a pop-up table and awning, Nebraska's 7-by-12-foot mobile makerspaces unfold to become instant classrooms for kids attending afterschool programs. In fact, when one of the tricked-out trailers pulls into a school parking lot, makers of all ages gather round. They're a major hit with the children, and they also attract skilled community volunteers.

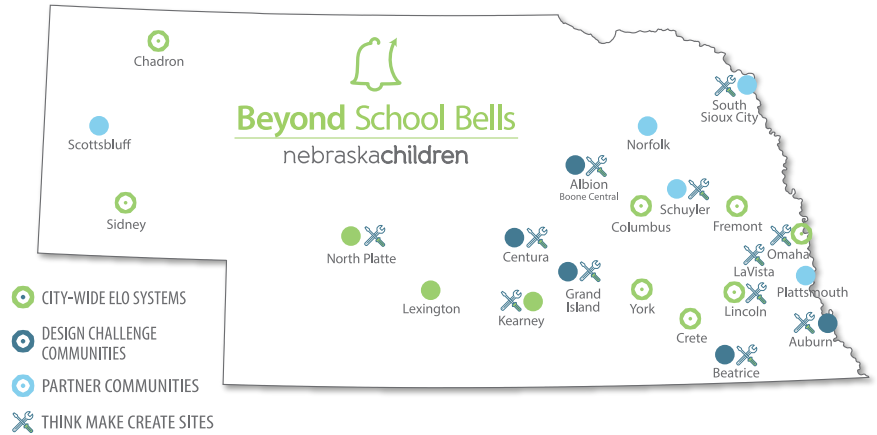
"For rural communities, these trailers are a platform for getting involved — they're like mobile billboards for afterschool," said Jeff Cole, network lead for Beyond School Bells, one of 50 statewide afterschool networks supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

Known formally as TMC (Think, Make, Create) Labs, the tiny trailers are designed to provide a place for hands-on experimentation, problem-solving and skill-building. There are now 13 TMC labs on the road in Nebraska, and the demand is growing.

"It's a tool in step with the times," said Cole, who came up with the idea after reading an article about libraries using mobile carts to reposition themselves as makerspaces. "In the afterschool field, we're always searching for cool spaces where kids can hang out, stay safe and learn. We wanted to try and pilot something similar to the libraries, but we needed some help to do that."

"In terms of creating a prototype, my skills were pretty limited," he continued. Fortunately, it was an irresistible challenge for family friend Max Cuppens, a Lincoln, Nebraska, student attending the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, California.

Over the summer, Cuppens pieced together the trailer's intricate, space-saving interior with the help of his father, a master cabinet maker. But the challenge went beyond design. Cole needed a final product that was affordable and easy for school districts



across Nebraska, as well as afterschool networks in other states, to replicate. Eager to try his hand at some "real-world work," Cuppens opted to take a year off from school and serve as an AmeriCorps Vista member for Beyond School Bells to continue developing the prototype.

A marvel of efficient, stable storage, the first two TMC labs were handmade, first by Cuppens and his dad and then, as the project developed, by Skills USA high school students at The Career Academy in Lincoln.

"Max was still fabricating the parts and taking them to the high school, where the students would build out the interiors," said Cole. "Our goal was to get the cost of a TMC Lab — trailer, interior, supplies, canopy and dollies — down to \$7,500 — a price point that even the smallest rural community could handle."

To further reduce costs, Cuppens reached out to the Nebraska Innovation Studio at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, which houses a three-axis CNC router in its Wood and Metal Shop, to get some help in automating the production of the interior components.

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# Training, Networking, Engagement & Events



Join NASB, as we tour the state for various workshops, meetings and events throughout the year.

*To learn more, and register, visit the Events tab of [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)*

## Call for Legislative Proposals Due July 1

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## Candidate Forums

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## NAEP Annual Workshops - Gaining a Fresh Perspective

July 11 | Gering      July 12 | Kearney      July 17 | Lincoln      July 19 | Norfolk

Nominate the 2018 School Board Member of the Year now at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)

## NASB Orientation | July 18

Nominate the 2019 Nebraska Teacher of the Year now at [www.NASBonline.org](http://www.NASBonline.org)

## Area Membership Meetings | Vision: Engaged

August 27 | Valentine      August 28 | Gering      August 29 | Kearney  
September 12 | Nebraska City      September 19 | York      September 26 | North Platte  
October 3 | Norfolk      October 10 | Omaha      October 17 | Fremont

## Labor Relations Conference | September 5-6 | Lincoln

## Buffett Early Childhood Conference | September 17 & 18 | Kearney

## General Election | November 6

## 100th Annual State Education Conference | November 14-16 | La Vista

## New Board Member Workshops

November 27 | Gering      November 28 | North Platte      November 29 | Grand Island  
December 4 | Norfolk      December 5 | La Vista

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“Once we had the parts in the computer, they were easy to produce and sharable with anyone who has access to a CNC router,” said Cole.

Marketed primarily to rural communities, where interest and need are high, the TMC Labs are bringing afterschool programs to new locales and reinforcing the important learning that happens in those programs, says Cole.

Local residents, parents — and grandparents — are taking an interest. “There’s talent in every community, sitting on the sidelines, wanting to get involved,” said Cole. “We have a grandparent at one site who’s teaching electronics, so they’ve added a bin with basic electronic parts. The materials don’t have to be high-tech. The best equipment out there is a child’s own creativity in problem-solving.”

“I’ve been out with the makerspaces three or

four times, and it’s a lot of fun to watch the kids’ reactions,” said Cuppens. “It’s the social piece they seem to enjoy the most. They like working in teams and figuring things out face-to-face, instead of depending on technology.”

“They fail more than they succeed,” he continued. “But when they’re challenged at the right level, it just pulls them in. And they love working with their hands, playing around with materials they don’t get to use during the school day.”

For Cole, the makerspaces are at the beginning of an educational continuum that he hopes will end with college or some type of post-secondary training, where students will develop sophisticated skills.

“These labs help afterschool programs fulfill a couple of basic needs: they’re an easy-to-use mobile platform for makers; they

provide a storage facility for supplies, a problem afterschool programs often struggle with; and they help reinforce the value of afterschool programs and the important learning that occurs there.

“Our afterschool staff suffer from terminal modesty,” he said. “They’re so caught up in the day-to-day work that they don’t have the time to promote their programs, or the resources or space to innovate.”

“That’s where the afterschool networks can play an important role,” he continued. “If we can facilitate and share these kinds of innovations, we can help call attention to how important these hours are for kids, and hopefully, build strong community support for programs.”

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